

Have You Donated To Your Local Defense Council Fund?

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Recent Operations

By Paul Rardin

A friend of mine said yesterday he had lost a fortune this season. I was surprised and asked how come. He explained that he failed to plant a cabbage.

Speaking of cabbage—that vegetable is bringing around \$2.75 per 50-pound hamper in the Lake Region. The way I figure it out that means about \$110 per ton. That's an elegant price when I remember that a grower told me he could make money on cabbage at \$10 per ton.

As one grower explained the cabbage deal this week—"It's the sweetest thing since the cabbage deal of '33."

Carrots! Like isn't it? Me neither. But, that doesn't have a thing to do with 1,000 acres of them growing down on Road 28. Have you ever stopped to figure out how many carrots that would be? I can't figure that high. Any way, I've heard they are contracted at \$20 per ton. I don't have an idea how many tons an acre will produce. Still it sounds like a money-making deal.

I'm beginning to wonder where the growers are going to find enough labor to harvest all the beans this spring. Every farmer I've talked to lately says it is planting a few acres of beans. If I were in a guessing contest and someone wanted to know how many acres were to be planted for the spring deal I'd say \$30,000 in the Lake Region. I wonder if my answer would be close to right.

Decorate! I've never seen any of it. But, from the price this week it must be hudson. One car in Belle Glade on Wednesday of last week sold for \$3.85 per hamper. Another car sold for \$3.65 per hamper. That's what I call an excellent price for escrow. In fact it is the highest price I've ever heard of in these parts.

The Sand Out migratory camp has a new manager this week. He is John G. Cobb and succeeds Kenneth Robert who has been manager since the camp opened. Mr. Robert is to be with the department of agriculture in the labor transportable territory will include the south-eastern states and he will make his home in West Palm Beach.

Orchestra To Play In Canal Point

The Pahokee Baptist church orchestra will present a program at the First Baptist Church of Canal Point, Monday March 15, at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

UNION MEETING IN CANAL POINT TONIGHT

There will be a union meeting of the Methodist and Baptist churches of Canal Point at 8 p. m. tonight at the Canal Point Methodist church. The meeting will be held to observe the World Day of Prayer. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

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CANAL POINT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1943

BELE GLADE OVER THE TOP IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Whirlwind Campaign By Women Raises \$2500 Quota & \$1032 Extra

Drive Chairman Gives All Credit For Success To Mrs. Sam Fleming And Her Group Of Women Workers.

Maintaining a reputation for getting things done without delay, the Town of Belle Glade went over the top this week in the Red Cross War Fund Drive by raising the set quota of \$2500 and more than \$1000 extra for good measure. Luther Jones, chairman of the drive, gave all credit for the successful work to Mrs. Sam Fleming, chairman, and her group of women workers.

In a stirring talk to members of the Belle Glade Rotary club, a few days ago Mrs. Jones said that she felt sure Belle Glade wouldn't stop at the quota of \$2500 but would go well over it. His prediction came true when the group of women turned in an amount equal to more than 40 per cent over the quota.

To show the splendid co-operation of all persons in the Belle Glade territory it was pointed out that all employees including 58 field hands at Brown's Farm made a contribution to the War Fund Drive. Complete tabulation Thursday morning in the Belle Glade drive showed 376 contributors doled out a total of \$53,527.

Following morning in comment on the success of the whirlwind drive Mr. Jones said: "Mrs. Fleming and her group of women workers have done an outstanding piece of work. They are due all the credit for the wonderful achievement."

Belle Glade Girl Zeta Tau Alpha

DELAND, March 11.—Recently elected to serve as president of her social fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha, was Sylvia Jones, Belle Glade student at Stetson University. Announcement of a dress banquet and dance, formal in the station of all officers will take place early next week.

Mrs. H. E. Jones is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts at Stetson.

OPA Meeting In Pompano Tuesday

Members of the OPA will meet in Pompano next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock to hear testimony from growers and brokers before they place a ceiling price on green vegetables grown in Florida. Congressman Pat Cannon will be in attendance at the meeting. It has been reported that several grocers and brokers from the Lake Okechobee Region will be present to present their data.

Tells Lions Labor Shortage Will Be Acute This Spring

H. L. Speer points out the need of much help to harvest beans.

H. L. Speer of the U. S. Employment Service told Pahokee growers that this Tuesday luncheon meeting that growers were facing a critical labor situation this spring. There will be approximately 30,000 acres of beans to be harvested and because much of this acreage was planned immediately following the February freeze most of the crop will reach maturity in a relatively short period, with the peak movement estimated to occur around April 20, he said. Unless the labor situation improves between now and the date it is unlikely that more than half of the spring bean crop in the Glades will be harvested, he added.

The speaker also outlined the purpose and aims of the U. S. Employment Service, saying that its purpose is not only to find jobs but to place the right man on the right job. He said that the service is now looking for men to work on the farms. He said that the service is now looking for men to work on the farms.

Club Plans For Victory Gardens

A program on "Household Planning with Victory Gardens" will be presented at the meeting of the Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mrs. George M. Belk on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones will be the guest of honor at the luncheon.

G. W. Byrd Receives Captain's Rank

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Byrd, Sr. received word this week that their son, G. W. Byrd, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army. Capt. Byrd attained this rank at the age of 22. He is a graduate of Pahokee High School, Class of 1937. Upon graduating from the University of Florida in the spring of 1941 he received a commission as second lieutenant in the ROTC and was called to active duty in June, 1941. He is now with the 13th Armored Division, Camp Beale, Calif.

Water Plant Given New Coat Of Paint

The Pahokee waterworks plant has just received a new coat of grey paint with red trim, both inside and out, and the grounds surrounding the plant are being landscaped and beautified by Superintendent R. J. Schroder and his assistants, Marvin Levin and H. C. Graham.

All trash and rubbish has been removed from the grounds and dirt excavated in the construction of the new settling basin at the north end of the plant has been used for filling in the back lawn. Much has been hauled in for the planting of palm trees and the making of flower beds in the front. The new additions to the lawn are being sodded and it is planned to establish a surface hedge around the new settling basin and lawn.

Mrs. Kennedy Is Auxiliary Leader

Mrs. Norman Kennedy was elected president of the Episcopal Women's Auxiliary of the Church of the Holy Nativity at a meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. C. deMoya. Other officers chosen for the coming year were Mrs. C. T. Jackson, vice president; Mrs. Frank Johnson, secretary; and Mrs. Tom Kirk, treasurer.

Mrs. deMoya was named delegate to the Diocesan Convention to be held in Bradenton, May 11-12. She also was named program chairman.

The installation of officers will be held sometime during Lent, the date to be announced later.

Plans were made for a Lenten silver tea on April 14 from 4 to 6 p. m. with Mrs. Frank Johnson in charge of arrangements.

Soil Discussions Be Order Of Day At Belle Glade Mar. 18

Morning And Afternoon Meetings Scheduled At B. G. Hi School

A second Everglades meeting of the Soil Science Society of Florida will be held at Belle Glade high school next Thursday March 18, according to an announcement made this week by officials of the Everglades Experiment Station at Belle Glade. The Thursday meeting will be held at Belle Glade and that evening the discussion will be continued at Clewiston. On Friday an inspection trip will be made around the Everglades, starting from Clewiston and under the direction of E. E. Beardsley, manager of the Everglades Drainage District.

The Soil and Water Conservation Problem and the Everglades is the topic to be discussed at the Belle Glade meeting during the morning session which will bring before the attendance a number of papers on the subject. First to be discussed will be the "Summary of three years of Surface Water Studies in the Everglades," by G. E. Ferguson.

Following Topographic Survey of the Everglades "to-date," by Albert L. Stephens. Other subjects to be discussed are: Ground water conditions, water control relationships, progress report on soil survey, soil and water conservation, shrinkage and subsidence of the organic soils of the Everglades, natural oxidation and crop requirements as factors in Glades soil, the need of the Everglades for a specific field of development based on the physical characteristics of its soil and a rational handling of its natural water supply.

Following the morning discussions the meeting will be addressed by the chairman of the Soil Science Society of Florida, Mr. C. S. Schreiner of the U. S. Engineers, Guy Bender of the Everglades Fire Control district, H. B. Bester of subdrainage districts adjacent to Lake Okechobee, T. Lingle of the Lake Worth Drainage district and J. E. Beardsley of the Everglades Drainage district.

Mr. C. DeLoach of Pahokee was called to active duty in the U. S. Navy. Mr. DeLoach will leave Saturday.

Propose New Plan To Name Councilmen

At the coming session of the state legislature the City of Pahokee will have a local bill introduced which will provide for a new plan of electing city councilmen. Hereafter, the two high men out of any number in the race were declared elected.

The new measure will call for persons seeking places on the council to offer their candidacy in certain groups. The two high men in any certain group would enter a special runoff election one week later to determine the winner.

Bailey Named Head Commerce Body In Town Belle Glade

Chosen At Annual Meeting Held By That Body Last Week

At the annual meeting of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, called for election of officers last week, C. A. Bailey was chosen as president for the coming year. W. M. Jeffries was chosen as secretary and treasurer by the voting group.

H. L. Haney, G. E. Tedder, J. O. Jameson and C. E. Riedel were elected as members of the board of directors for three year terms. H. L. Haney, who had served faithfully and well, was re-nominated for president but he declined because of the press of personal business. Following the election of officers Mr. Haney requested for those present the accomplishments of the organization during the time he served as its head.

Fire Damages 1200 Acres Of Cane

Guy Bender, chief of the Everglades Fire Control district, reported this week that 1200 acres of cane owned by the U. S. Sugar Corporation near Lake Harbor were burned this week. He also reported that fire in the Loxahatchee groves damaged 24 per cent of the 800-acre tract.

Mrs. Marcus Knight has returned from Naught where she was called recently because of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Newman.

Pahokee And Canal Point Raise Less Than \$1300 Of Quota Set At \$3500

Pahokee Rotary To Entertain Ladies On Thursday Night

Special Program Planned For Meeting Scheduled For 8:15 P. M.

A special program will be presented by the Pahokee Rotary club next Thursday night for Rotary-ages. The program to be presented by a dinner at 8:15, is an annual affair and wives and sweethearts of Rotarians will be honored guests.

Pahokee Scouts In Enthusiastic Meet

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Pahokee Boy Scout Troop, was conducted at the school gymnasium on Tuesday night, the regular meeting time, what with twenty-four present including one visitor, David McCoy, Patrol Leader.

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Periodic tire inspection requirements are in no way relaxed by the Office of Price Administration's recent order treating tire recapping with passenger type camouflage from ration restrictions. C. T. Santos, chairman of the Pahokee War Price and Rationing Board, said today.

Officials In Charge Hope Citizens Will Realize Importance Of Meeting Quota In This Territory.

The Red Cross War Fund drive in the Pahokee and Canal Point territory is lagging far behind the quota set by general headquarters according to figures released Thursday morning by local officials in charge of the drive. The quota for the area was set at \$3500 and latest compilation of donations shows a total of only \$1240 in the hands of the treasurer, Robert Mock at the Bank of Pahokee.

Officials in charge of the drive are sincerely hoping that citizens of the Pahokee and Canal Point sections will realize the importance of meeting the quota within the next day or two. Any donor who desires to contribute to this worthy cause may stop at O. K. Blech's office or the Home Building, located at the intersection of the main road in Pahokee and leave a check. Someone will be there to take it to the collection point.

John Dulany, chairman of the War Fund drive, said yesterday: "Certainly citizens of the Pahokee and Canal Point section must realize the outstanding work the Red Cross does for our boys who are on the many battlefields of the world. Just a few weeks ago we held a dedicatory service of the Service Men's Honor Roll in Pahokee and we then—time it seemed—the citizens realized their obligations to our boys in service. However, that display of patriotism did not call for us to reach down into our pockets. Today it is another kind of patriotism that called upon us to give—and give wholeheartedly in order that the same boys—whose names appear upon the Honor Roll—may be attended by the Red Cross when they fall upon the field of battle."

A concerted effort will be made during the next few days to awaken in the people of this particular section to the urgent need of contributing liberally to the War Fund drive. Mr. Dulany and his workers want it to be that every person in this section is given an opportunity to make a donation.

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Ed Howell returned to Boca Raton Monday after spending the weekend here visiting his wife and sons.

GROWERS VOICE NEED FOR IMPORTED LABOR TO HARVEST CROPS THIS SPRING AND NEXT SEASON

A major disaster for agriculture in south Florida this winter, unless an adequate labor supply be guaranteed in advance by the government, was forecast Monday by the area's leading food producers.

The growers stressed their view at a conference with United States department of agriculture officials Monday by the same opinion: "The salvation for south Florida agriculture next season would be the importation of Bahaman workers."

Luther Chandler of Gouls, took a leading part in the informal discussion. He declared that if the government expects Florida growers to meet crop quotas set for next year, the labor situation must be thrashed out now and solved before next year.

"How can the government expect a grower to invest his time and money in planting food crops if he cannot get enough help to harvest them?" Chandler asked.

On the other hand, R. L. Chastain of Pahokee, declared that the growers in his area were worried about labor shortage this April.

"We are planting beans now, for which we have sufficient help," stated Chastain, "but unless we can get Bahaman labor in April we won't be able to harvest more than 50 per cent of our crops."

This statement was supported by Sam Fleming of Belle Glade. "A considerable portion of our crops are being grown for canneries," Fleming said. "Unless we can get help, these canneries will be able to operate."

Several growers from the Glades area declared that they have acreage of land available planted in food crops, and that unless help was received within the next few weeks, both they and the country would suffer loss.

One grower said he had 6,000 acres of beans and 1,000 acres of carrots under cultivation.

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WRONG NUMBER

British Tommy (home on furlough) answering the telephone, said: "I don't know; you'll have to call the admiralty office," and hung up the receiver.

"What was that?" asked his wife.

"Oh, just some chap wanting to know if the coast is clear."—Winter Haven Herald.

TOO TIRED

Returning from a 25 mile hike, the officer in command of a camp said, before dismissing his men:

"All men who are too tired to take another hike, step forward two paces."

The entire company stepped forward except one big, husky six-footer. Noticing him, the officer said: "Well, Johnson, ready for 10 miles more?"

"No, sir," replied Johnson. "I'm too dog-tired to take these two steps."—Lake City Reporter.

A LITTLE LATE

A grizzled Carolina mountaineer and his son were on their annual pilgrimage to the county seat. Their business was to require two days, and when night fell, they made their way to the courthouse square, where they sat down on a bench alongside a group of fellow travelers.

When they had been there for some time, the courthouse clock began striking. It banged off the hours up to 12, and then, out of its own accord, struck 13.

The mountaineer jumped to his feet.

"Get up from there, boy," he exclaimed.

"We got to be a-goin'." This is the latest I've ever knowned it to be!—Collier County News.

DISGRACEFUL PROTEST

In a multifarious populated world it stands to reason that some must be small and petty. But to Miami Beach, Florida, the dubious distinction of counting among its citizenry certain individuals who seemingly have chalked up an all-time low in this deplorable characteristic.

We refer to those persons who recently in letters to the press complained about soldiers training there, "singing in barracks following reveille."

Verily, this is a protest which may bring a blush of shame to any patriot's cheek. Apparently, it is not enough that these young men give up all their value in civilian life in order to defend the country.

In the shilliest and most unbecoming of these objectors, they should be quiet about it too, so that stay-at-home can get a full measure of unbroken sleep.

We note that these complainers invariably sign their letters with initials and are careful not to include addresses. Too bad their names couldn't be published so that the public generally could know just what type of citizens they are—Miami Post.

THIS AWFUL PROSPERITY

Prosperity is threatening the very existence of bureaucracy and it is a nightmare of continual adversity.

Witness the case of John H. Fahey, federal home loan bank commissioner, who is so frightened at the prospect of people getting out of debt, in which case he no longer will need his HOLC, that he wants something done about it. Banks are taking over too many of the good HOLC loans to suit Mr. Fahey. These are loans on private homes.

This brings up the history of HOLC. It was created by congress early in the depression as an emergency measure, with

the express provision that it be liquidated when its purposes have been accomplished.

With indebtedness now discouraged as a national policy, and a minimum because of universal employment and the shortage of consumer goods to purchase on credit, and with HOLC admitting excessively high operating cost, Mr. Fahey's remarks take on added significance.

The question boils down to one of finding a formula under which a federal emergency agency can be liquidated, once it becomes entangled in the maze of government debt.

And Aubrey Williams of NYA can find arguments to keep their large office forces and high overhead going, how can we ever expect to dispose of an "emergency" agency?—Janesville (Wis.) Gazette.

DANGEROUS THINKING

What is the greatest danger that confronts us this year? Is it invasion? Is it the U-b-boat? Is it the chances of differences arising in allied councils? Is it the U-boat? No. It is our own unconscious fifth column thoughts.

Talk to your friends and neighbors. What do you find to be their attitude to the war? Are they saying: "What can we do to make sure that in spite of all the terrific forces lined up against us we shall get win through?" Of are they saying: "We have won the war before June, or will it last until autumn?"

From all accounts the June date has been the subject of sufficient discussion and even warfare, some playful, some earnest, to make it a symbol of the type of thinking which now menaces us. When France collapsed and we, in an isolation that we did not then fully comprehend, awaited invasion, we steered ourselves to bear the preliminary bombing without declaring either London or any other community an open city. We thought only of survival with honor, and we refused to surrender.

Today there is a different mood abroad. The prime minister has repeatedly warned us that the road to victory will be long and arduous.—London Dispatch.

COFFEE FOR THE KIDS

The OPA has decided that children of 14 can drink coffee as well as children of 15, the minimum age under its first rationing order. We don't know just how the OPA reaches these important decisions, but it has been our experience that while coffee might be all right for some children of 14, or 15, it might be quite injurious for other children of 15.

If, in doubt as to whether your child is one who can safely drink coffee, a good rule is that no system can properly assimilate the judgments, part of coffee, until fully developed.—Herald.

DESERVES A MEDAL

While they are awarding medals for efficiency in government, we are in favor of handing out an extra large one for the officials and citizens of Collier county. They are entitled to it because of that county's consistently outstanding record in tax affairs.

Since 1920, the county has turned in the early 1920's its officials have collected 99.99 percent of all taxes. Although it is one of the smallest counties in Florida in population, it is one of the largest in area and there has been considerable money spent for improvements. Still, the indebtedness for all those improvements now amounts to less than \$500,000.

So Collierians attempt to pooh-pooh the Collier county record by explaining that much of the property is owned by a few persons, but we are convinced the credit belongs to its officials who always have governed economically and efficiently and have made a consistent effort to collect taxes as they were due.

Low and equal assessments on property and first tax collection methods result in low Collier taxes. It could be done in every Florida county.—Tampa Tribune.

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affairs, how the seedmen would supply seeds on credit, if necessary, and guarantee their quality. Most reputable seed houses went so far as to print on every package a "Money Back Guarantee" which was backed by years of honest and reliable dealing. We used to call that kind of trading "free enterprise" and a firm, to stay in business and succeed, guarded jealousy its reputation and that of its products. They knew the farmer didn't have to deal with them; he could trade where he got the most value and the best treatment. This was an even greater reflection on themselves than on the farmer.

Now, with governmental control, what happens to the farmer seems to be a matter of small import. He is supplied his seed, must PAY CASH for it, and keep his mouth shut about it if it proves worthless. The same goes for fertilizer. It is none of his business what the analysis is. He must take it and like it.

Over the years the legislators of Florida have made a conscientious effort to protect the farmer by requiring that seeds and fertilizer in this state meet certain standards. Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo is charged with the duty of making necessary tests and inspections to see that such materials are as represented.

But now the Federal government contends that what it sells the Florida farmer is its own business and the State of Florida has no right to go poking its nose in. Maybe that's the way the bulk of the farmers want it, maybe they like being nursed and cared for and slapped around, but it's contrary to all the principles we are supposed to be fighting for, and maybe that's why our farmers everywhere are getting together and forming Farm Bureaus with the view of having something to say about it, as a unified group, at all through it.

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build the North Florida canal, the letters stated.

A similar argument was presented by Rep. Dondero, Michigan Republican, Tuesday in a statement for the Congressional Record.

Recommendation of the improvement of existing waterways in Florida, Dondero questioned the motive behind full page advertisements in Washington newspapers urging construction of the alternate barge canals.

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ed enough to find the facts, for each will have to pay its share of a new \$44,000,000 canal," he said.

The association also wrote Senator Byrd, Virginia Democrat, chairman of the joint congressional committee for reduction of non-essential expenditures, asking a quick investigation of the existing canal.

"Your committee should see the existing canal, find the truth and report to Gen. Charles P. Summerall, who has recommended strong support by the building of the North Florida canal, congressmen, senators and others who ignore the existing canal, which our federal government built at a cost of \$25,000,000 and on which it is now spending \$2,000,000 for improvements."

From this war will emerge an industrial South equal to any industrial area in the world, the prediction of Frederick C. Crawford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. Industry has come to the South to stay, he asserts, and will not leave after the war.

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Asks OPA To Build Vegetable Ceiling That Will Prevent Any Runaway Prices And Nothing Else; Will Solve Problem

Trade Paper Points Out Intricate Workings Of A Price Ceiling

In last week's issue of The Produce Reporter, published in New York City, there appeared a letter from the editor of Florida's Brown OPA head, which will prove of interest to every vegetable grower in the Lake Region. Below we are reproducing the letter:

The prospect of permanent ceiling prices on fresh vegetables is the cause of much misgiving on the part of growers and distrib-

other industry. For this very reason they respectfully request that no permanent ceilings be placed on fresh vegetables until a thorough understanding is reached on the unique nature of fresh vegetables, both as to production and distribution.

We know, Mr. Brown, what a difficult task you face in naming permanent prices, and we are not unmindful of the good aims and purposes of the Price Control Act in seeking to prevent the exorbitant prices of these products. This was plainly evidenced at the OPA hearing held in New York last

week, and concern is spreading far and wide in the industry over the appalling consequences of an unreasonably ceiling that may be placed on these finest of all foods which have now taken front rank in the program of feeding the civilian population.

Members of the vegetable industry are as patriotic and as anxious to do all they can to aid the war effort as the men in any other industry. We are more than ever convinced of this after noting the attitude of OPA representatives at last week's hearing; they showed an earnest desire to do a good job.

Let's get this clear: We make no charges of "Socialism" or "Bureaucracy" against your department. We believe your interest lies in preventing inflation in this time of crisis, and that as a good American you will con-

scientiously adhere to the objectives of the legislation you have been asked to administer. Your training men, of course, showed you that scarcity creates inflation; that high prices result when supplies are tight. Consequently, high prices encourage production, and then the increased production brings the prices down to reasonable levels.

No other food business in the world responds so quickly to these basic rules as do fresh vegetables. High prices high production—low prices low production. Place a ceiling on vegetables, and growing area will have no incentive to produce. Remember that vegetables are not perennials. They do not grow heavily because the sun is high and it is their season. They grow only because the farmer aspires to enlarge upon a venture and grow a crop, with all its enormous attendant risks, for he sees the chance of making some profit through his labor, investment and sweat.

Any wage we say "risk" we mean a chance-taking accompanied by incredibly numerous hazards. Not only the farmers of great land areas, but the small growers who produce staples which govern that imperishable yield per acre. With this great risk on the one hand, the grower must have at least a reasonable chance of recouping his investment. He does not ask subsidies or guarantees; neither by the same token, does he want the cards stacked against him. Rather, he says, let the land lay fallow rather than risk the chance of getting a low per acre yield in a ceiling situation where only a high per acre yield will permit the chance of safe operation. This is a unique situation, peculiar to vegetables, and it must be dominant consideration in your approach to permanent ceiling legislation.

We realize that these are not normal times. Everything must be subservient to winning the war. We all want to do what our Government wants us to do. At the same time, if the cards are stacked against the producer by arbitrary price ceiling and he hasn't even a

glimmering chance of making a living, he will simply refuse to produce. That would be a national calamity, involving widespread starvation if not actual hunger. In this vegetable industry, distribution is as important as production. Without proper distribution, growers would starve regardless of how much they grew. One complements the other very closely. Distributors cannot function properly without a fair margin of profit, and so it is that they do a high-class job at a smaller percentage of profit, controlling credit risk, uncertain transportation charges, and high labor costs, than any other class of merchants in existence.

The present temporary ceilings have already created difficulties for these distributors, and at prices at shipping point rise to the ceilings at which market men are obliged to sell. In other words, vegetable ceilings open a veritable Pandora's box whose stings will be felt in all parts of the land.

We urge you therefore to build retail ceilings that will prevent runaway prices, and nothing else. The reaction in the industry will be a production of such magnitude as to dwarf the price level question and give the nation a long-term supply of these finest of all crops.

An attractive leaflet, outlining the needs of Florida citrus fruit, has just been issued by the Florida Citrus Board. It is being distributed to the traveling public and to travel agencies throughout the United States.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR LOCAL LEGISLATION
"PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN" that the City of Palatka, Florida, will apply to the Legislature of the State of Florida at its regular session in 1943, beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, for the passage of a special act, entitled, "An Act to amend the charter of the City of Palatka, Florida, and providing and for the election of a mayor and a city council." The purpose of the act is to provide for the election of a mayor and a city council by the voters of said municipality; providing that councilmen shall run in groups and that one election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year for the purpose of electing the highest number of eligible candidates except the two receiving the highest number of votes, and that a final election shall be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year for the purpose of electing the highest number of votes to the two receiving the highest number of votes in the first election.

DATED This 16 day of March 1943.
THAD WHIDDEN
City Attorney, Palatka, Florida
Published: March 2, 1943.

WANT ADS Pay Handsome Profits.
A. J. W. Rashler
JEWELER
Belle Glade, Fla.
GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Butch is on a BALANCED DIET!
This situation isn't covered by Army regulations. But we're betting that Butch will find a way to handle it!
In fact, we electric companies know just how to feed. We have the same problem. Right now we're being called on to balance good service and low, regulated rates against fast-climbing costs and tremendously increased demands for electric power.
We're doing it, too. Filling all our war orders. Giving America far more power than all the Axis countries combined. Pushing production up and up. And besides that, we're balancing a big plate of taxes.
Don't get us wrong. We know the need of wartime taxes. We're proud that business-managed electric companies paid \$620,000,000 in taxes last year. That was 23 out of every dollar we paid us—Be to food and state governments—15c to the federal government—enough to outfit 1,687,762 duck private.

How is it possible to make so much power and meet so many taxes at the same time? Because of sound business methods and long experience. Because men, women and management worked together as a team.
But while we're doing all this, government and municipal power systems are not paying



His Pile Goes to War
Young Johnny Uly of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is typical of farm children raising victory pigs and devoting profits to War Bonds.

Would Use Koreans In Labor Shortage
MIAMI, March 11.—(FNS)—Importation of approximately 1,500 Koreans, all experienced in the agricultural methods common to Florida, is being urged by Dr. Spangman Bice, representative of the Korean provisional government to the United States, who is now in Miami.

Dr. Bice plans a conference with officials of the United States Sugar Corporation with a view of interesting them in the plan. He states that he has "emphatically" from over 1,000 agricultural workers now located in central counties. All point out that they are thoroughly acquainted with agricultural practices and could materially relieve the acute labor shortage.

Dr. Bice, provisional president of Korea, was criticized in fact of United States and holds degrees from George Washington, Harvard and Princeton universities.

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Farm Youth of U. S. Looks to Tomorrow

TOMORROW'S farmers and farm homemakers are second to no school group in their enthusiasm for the U. S. War Bonds and Stamps to make sure their future is secure. Through the Schools at War program they are investing what they save and earn in War Bonds and Stamps.

First evidence of this is the amount the 4-H Club boys and girls and the FFA boys invested in war savings in 1942. The "Win for War" and other projects. A million and a half 4-H Club members put \$4,200,000 of their own savings in War Bonds and Stamps and sold \$2,500,000 worth of War Savings to their neighbors. Nearly a quarter million members of Future Farmers of America invested more than \$1,000,000.

Spurred by the realization that the financial welfare of farm families lies in the next 20 years depends now vitally they use today's higher incomes from increased food and other wartime production. These farm youths are building financial reserves, and using their parents to do the same, for after-ward necessary to meet financial emergencies and to help help their parents in school.

They're building reserves today because they know that when the other things they will need when they become farmers and homemakers.

Suggest Limit On Truck Loads
TAMPA, March 11.—(FNS)—The old question of work weights and subsequent road damage came up again this past week when a bill for county tax commission-ers appeared to the Florida Railroad Commission for filing that would restrict weight of trucks on certain highways.

Commissioners Summons and Ball said the roads affected by the bill had been broken down and torn up by heavily loaded trucks.
The Railroad Commission has also been asked by operators of the Davis Causeway for permission to increase toll charges on bus traffic over their causeway against the Gulf Coast Motor Lines.

Another proposal would have left property deeds transferring ownership pass through the county tax assessor's office, so that assessment records would show the name of the last owner. An assessor's stamp would be required before the deed could be recorded.

Other ideas cover assessment and collection of taxes on intangible and personal property, for voting in the county commission the title to property on which taxes are delinquent, and for converting delinquent property only when tax sale is proposed.

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Tax Commission Is Suggested

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 11.—Creation of a state tax commission, with board powers over property assessments and standards for measures of assessment values for all counties, are among legislative proposals made to a subcommittee of the state-wide tax inquiry committee.

J. Velma Keen, Tallahassee attorney, who is chairman, called a meeting of the subcommittee for Jacksonville March 19 to discuss the proposals and prepare a report to the tax inquiry council, which will meet here later this month. Suggestions to the subcommittee include:

Standard measures of values prescribed by the state comptroller for use by county tax assessors in applying the present full-value assessment law.

Creating a tax commission, or tax commissioner with full authority to bring about uniform assessments.

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I take this opportunity to thank the many folks who so readily came to my assistance immediately after my laundry was destroyed by fire. I shall always remember this wonderful help and want each and every person to know that I sincerely appreciate it.

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— Palatka, Florida —



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Wouldn't you like the thrill of working directly with the Army — of guiding our fighter pilots to annihilate any enemy planes that may come?

That's the job of civilian "spotters." That's a job you can perform — vital, essential in aiding our Air Forces in the defense of our shores.

On Observation Posts everywhere the Army Air Forces Ground Observer Corps is on guard day and night —

reporting, by flash phone calls, the sight of every plane.

Literally, these men and women observers are the nerve system of our military offense and civil defense. Join in this important work now.

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Volunteer Now!

THE ARMY AIR FORCES' GROUND OBSERVER CORPS
FIRST FIGHTER COMMAND

Red Cross Fund Lags

The American Red Cross War Fund drive is lagging in the Lake Okechobee Region, according to reports from workers who have been soliciting. However, the workmen are of the opinion that the \$2500 in Pahokee and \$1000 in Canal Point will be forthcoming before the drive ends.

The Red Cross War Fund campaign is on in Palm Beach County, and while the quota of \$111,000 will be raised, it ought to be raised quickly and easily.

It should not take all the work coaching, beseeching, or whittling it takes to induce citizens to take care of this meritorious and charitable obligation.

Hundreds of good women and men of the county have been devoting a wealth of time to the Red Cross work since the war began. Hundreds are now in the drive to raise funds so the work may continue. Alf R. Nielson, county chairman, Luther Jongs, John Dulany, James L. Wallace, Mrs. L. M. Pritchard, David W. Lane, Mrs. Elsie M. Campbell, Charles S. Davis, and Harry Jackson are all busy men among the very busiest men in the county, in normal times. Those assisting them are also busy persons, so make it as easy for them as you can.

In World War I the Red Cross became known as the Greatest Mother in the World. Because wherever the boys went, there was the Red Cross.

There is was doing the work of a mother—comforting, relieving, nursing, clothing, ministering with heaven's kindness—always loving justice, always showing mercy, always walking humbly before God.

The greatest mother in the world indeed. Give her the materials to work with—medicines, food, clothing, ambulances, hospitals, so that she may go through every valley of the shadow of death with those whose duty takes them there.

An informed contributor can be a loyal worker for the Red Cross as well as a financial supporter of the organization.

The American Red Cross does not receive financial support from the United States government. This national organization and its chapters are financed solely by contributions from the people of the country.

The President of the United States in ex-officio President of the American National Red Cross. Under Congressional charter the American Red Cross is the official medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their army and navy.

Wherever our troops are located at army posts and at Navy stations, there is a Red Cross field director, Red Cross Field directors and their staffs accompany their armies wherever they move, whether on domestic maneuvers or on task assignments overseas.

During the past years 2-1/2 million volunteers have contributed 150 million working hours to carry on and make possible the services of the American Red Cross.

Moberg Continues Special Sermons

"What is meant by Hell? Hades? Gehenna? Tartarus? The Pit? Paradise? What is meant by the phrase in the Apostle's Creed, 'Jesus Descended into Hell.' These and other questions will be discussed Sunday night, at the First Baptist Church, T. A. Moberg, by the pastor Rev. C. A. Moberg, in the next of the special series of sermons now in progress, on THE BOOK OF REVELATION. The first chapter will be completed Sunday at eight P. M. A special selection will be rendered by the orchestra, 'The Conventional Song,' augmented by the large chorus choir, will again be entered into.

At the morning hour of eleven, the sixth of the special sermons on THE ARTICLES OF FAITH, 'The Freedoms of Salvation,' will be presented. Mrs. Moberg will sing, 'He loved Me So.' A choral, six feet high and eighteen feet long, 'The Rightly Dividing THE WORD,' if received in time for the Sunday night service, will be stretched across the front of the sanctuary, and used in connection with the message on REVELATION. Those attending are asked to bring Bibles and notebooks. The Training Union will convene at 9:45, Sunday 9:45.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS

MRS. G. B. RAMEY
Pahokee Phone 2082

Miss Zander To Wed In April

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Zander of Okechobee announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Mary Louise to Wayne Aho, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zander of Nagsburg, Michigan. Miss Zander was graduated from Okechobee high school and from the University of Florida at Gainesville with a B. S. Degree. She is teaching in Delray Beach elementary school.

Mr. Aho received his A. B. Degree at Northern State Teachers College, Marquette, Michigan, and he has done graduate work at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He is an Assistant Instructor in Radio Engineering at Boca Raton Field, Florida. The wedding will be in April.

Mrs. Ethel Belle Stevens has returned from a visit of several days to Orlando.

Mrs. J. B. Elliott is a patient at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach.

Frank Oatesen, Jr., a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, spent two days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Oatesen, Sr., here, during the past week.

Mrs. Helen Blauy and children have returned to Orlando after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elliott, and other relatives over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Thomas of Fort Myers were guests here Monday night of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams.

C. E. Williams, U. S. Army cadet who has been taking basic training at Miami Beach, has been transferred to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for special training.

Mrs. Emma Wheeler returned this week from Lakeland where she spent several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. H. Weisman and Mrs. E. L. Chapman, and family.

Hugo Roe, SC 1c who is now stationed at Fort Pierce while on duty, spent the weekend here visiting his wife and other relatives.

Rummage Sale Is Planned March 20

At a meeting of the Pahokee Methodist Woman's Society, Christian Service in the church Monday afternoon, plans were made to hold a benefit rummage sale in the colored section on March 20. Mrs. W. L. Kerr, president, named on the committee in charge of the sale Mrs. G. B. Byrd, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. J. J. Schrod, and Mrs. Browning Roach. Persons with rummage to contribute were asked to leave it at the parsonage or at the homes of Mrs. James Byrd, Schrod, and Roach.

Mrs. W. E. Pope, secretary, was asked to temporarily assume the duties of sunshine chairman in sending sympathy cards to those ill. Mrs. T. A. Ferguson presented a program on "Plus Values in Life" and led the devotionals. Mrs. J. R. York will have charge of the program at the next meeting, Mrs. Schrod, the devotionals.

Schools Open Drive To Buy 10,000 Jeeps

THE little Jeep which is serving so nobly from Guadalcanal to Africa, has become the symbol of the significant efforts of millions of American school children in their War Savings program.

Thousands of public, private and parochial schools soon will be displaying a certificate of honor from the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., signifying that they have paid for at least one Jeep by buying 1000 in War Stamps and Bonds.

Countless others will be buying the Schools At War banner awarded to schools with 80 percent pupil participation in War Savings. Ten thousand Jeeps and a hundred bombers, this is the goal of America's schools as 30,000,000 children continue their Schools At War program under the auspices of the Treasury Department and the U. S. Office of Education. Results as far as the program is reported by Dr. Homer W. Anderson, Associate Field Director in charge of the education section of the War Savings Staff, are: More than 2,000,000 elementary and high school students from 30,000 schools have prepared special Schools At War booklets, and local exhibits.

Aubrey Ernest, who is now stationed at a naval station in Maryland and after several weeks of action against the enemy in the South West Pacific, spent a nine-day furlough here visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ernest.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Baxter and Mrs. H. B. Baxter and Frank Baxter were called to Daytona Beach on Monday afternoon because of the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Clayton Baxter.

Charlotte Ann Weathers, 2 1/2 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weathers is ill at the Everglades Memorial Hospital with whooping cough complicated by pneumonia. Charlotte Ann's baby brother is also ill with the whooping cough.

Corp. James Marvin Urewn returned this week to Hobbs, New Mexico, after spending a 15-day furlough visiting his wife and other relatives here.

Edwin Rice and Calvin Peacock, both of whom have been stationed at the naval training camp near Branbridge, Md., spent this week on furlough visiting relatives here.

Paul Tillery spent the past week visiting friends here.

Baptist Women Hold Regular Meet

"The Christian Witness in American Democracy" was the program topic discussed by members of the First Baptist Women's Missionary Union at their meeting Monday afternoon. Mrs. W. A. Stevens spoke on "Democracy and Christianity." Mrs. F. G. Gills, "Baptists and Democracy." Mrs. H. L. Speer, "America Safe for Democracy." Mrs. G. C. Connell, "Democracy Demonstrated by Home Missions."

Mrs. C. A. Moberg gave a musical meditation entitled, "Two Flags." Mrs. Georgie Lovett was in charge of the devotionals and Miss Elizabeth Caraway led in prayer. It was reported that offerings for home missions during the week of prayer observance totaled \$20.55.

Mrs. L. W. Mullis and her circle group will present the program at the next meeting.

In recognition of the increasing use of aircraft and growing demands for insurance coverage which may be anticipated, the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, representing 60 leading stock casualty insurance companies, recently announced the formation of a permanent advisory committee to handle insurance matters affecting aviation interests.

Heartening was a statement this week from E. R. Fisher, general manager of General Motors Fisher Body Division, that a new tank destroyer, a low cruiser which can cope with any tank the enemy can offer, is now coming off the assembly line at the company's tank arsenal in volume production. The new monster is known as the "M-10."

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation is growing by leaps and bounds. Executive Secretary John Ford reports new chapters being formed in all sections of the state indicating that Florida farmers are determined to have a united voice in matters affecting their interests in the future.

Battle Flags of the Schools

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Discuss Plans To Entertain Group

The Canal Point Baptist Women's Missionary Union at a meeting at the home of Mrs. D. C. McRae on Monday afternoon discussed plans for entertaining members of the Palm Lake Association when they hold their quarterly meeting at Canal Point in April.

C. B. Jones, WMU president, will name the committee in charge of the entertainment at the next regular meeting.

Mrs. Arnold Scruggs presented the program. A report was given on the all day meeting of the WMU held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Bordeaux in observance of week of prayer. Special offerings during week of prayer went to home missions.

Mrs. Scruggs will be hostess at the next meeting.

Soldiers Eat Beans From Glades Area

Glades farmers, beset by ever increasing difficulties in growing their crops of vegetables, should receive encouragement from the fact that some of the men in the service, at least, appreciate what they are producing.

In a letter to his sister, Mrs. Delmar Hooks, of Canal Point last week Pvt. Yash D. Hox, writing from Indian Town Gap, Penn., reported that "while our kitchen police duty recently helped me for dinner several hampers of green beans picked by Unity Farms, Inc., of Pahokee and they were enjoyed by all the men in the camp. "Tell the people in the

"NOTICE

To Landowners in Everglades Drainage District

The Everglades Act which became law June 3, 1941, contains the following provision:

SECTION 15 (1) - This section shall remain in full force and effect for two (2) years from the date this Act shall become a law and at the expiration of such two (2) years period then the fee simple title to all lands against which there remains outstanding any such tax sale certificate, or tax lien, shall become absolutely vested in the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and every right, title or interest of every nature or kind whatsoever of the former owner of said property, or any one claiming through or under him, or any one holding any lien thereon, shall cease, terminate and be at an end, and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District shall be authorized and empowered to sell the said lands as provided by law.

This notice is published for your protection.
Everglades Drainage District."

Florida Motor Lines Busses Through Canal Point-

AS OF JANUARY 29, 1943

NORTHBOUND	
Tampa & West Coast	6:17 A. M.
Tampa & West Coast	11:17 A. M.
Orlando, Ocala, Tallahassee (Change for Jacksonville, Gainesville & Lake City)	
Tampa & West Coast	12:20 P. M.
Tampa & West Coast	3:31 P. M.
Tampa & West Coast	4:17 P. M.

SOUTHBOUND FOR MIAMI	
To Miami	1:30 A. M.
To Miami	3:25 P. M.
To Miami	4:10 P. M.
To Miami	5:25 P. M.
To Miami	7:41 P. M.

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A Victory Garden Is The Answer To Canned Food Rationing . . .

Here in our store you will find many items needed when you plant that Victory Garden. Let's draw in our belts a notch tighter and do everything we can to help bring about final victory in this war. We'll be here to help you whenever our stock of merchandise will fill any of your wants.

LOW BETZNER HARDWARE - BELLE GLADE

Glades to keep the good work up, Pvt. Horn wrote.

An urgent call for more voluntary workers has been issued by the Aircraft Warning Service. Of- ficials call attention to the fact that many posts throughout the state are under-manned, and patriotic citizens should come forward and assist in this important duty. Volunteers should register for service at their local Defense Council office.

FOR SALE: Eight farrowed sows, Essex stock. Also, one large work horse. H. G. Boynton, Canal Point, Fla.

At The Prince Theatre PAHOKEE

Owl Show
Saturday, March 13
—ALSO—
Sunday, March 14

"ONCE UPON A HONEYMOON"
GINGER ROGERS, CARY GRANT, WALTER SLEZAK, ALBERT DEKKER

Monday & Tuesday
March 15 and 16

"The Meanest Man In The World"
—With—
JACK BENNY, PRICILLA LANE, "ROCHESTER," ED MUND GWENN

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Just one more question before you go, Judge. What is this thing called propaganda you hear so much talk about these days?" "I'll give you an example, Hank. Last night I was reading an interesting little book called 'Hitler is in Favor.' It told how Hitler would very much like to see Americans fight among themselves over prohibition because that would create dissimilarity, waste the time of Congress and legislators in wet-dry arguments and cripple our war effort. It

also mentioned a booklet written about Hitler's government telling how Hitler's plans to maintain contact with foreign temperance organizations and how it contributes annually to an international temperance union. "You can bet Hitler isn't interested in seeing prohibition advanced in our country for any reason except that he knows it's a good way to stir up trouble. That's what they mean by propaganda, Hank."

How Indian River Citrus Fruit Helps Build MORE TANKS

Jones felt too hot to work. He was down with one of his frequent colds. After the doctor ordered more citrus fruit and fresh vegetables in his diet he was on the job regularly, week after week, turning out tanks.

And so with millions of the workers in the nation's shipyards and war plants. Every day lost due to illness means fewer guns, tanks, ships, planes and shells at a time when every minute of production counts.

Over the Florida East Coast Railway long trainloads of citrus fruits and fresh vegetables speed north to improve and safeguard the nation's health.

And were it not for the adequate transportation service provided by the Florida East Coast Railway and other railroads these valuable Florida products could not be profitably marketed.

This is but another way in which the railroads today are proving the very "Life Line of the Nation."

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